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***Office of Victim Services,
Judicial Branch***

**SERVICES FOR FAMILIES
OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

**OFFICE
OF
VICTIM
SERVICES**



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
JUDICIAL BRANCH**

**31 Cooke Street
Plainville, Connecticut 06062**

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The Office of Victim Services (OVS) in the Connecticut State Judicial Branch offers services to families of homicide victims. Family members are encouraged to contact OVS when they are ready for help dealing with the tragedy of murder. Support includes counseling, educational groups, self-help groups, information and referral.

OVS court-based victim advocates can provide emotional support and assist with information about:

- victim rights
- court processes and procedures
- victim impact statements
- applying for victim compensation
- social service agencies

Counseling Services:

Family members of homicide victims may receive a limited number of grief counseling sessions at no cost. OVS contracts with a statewide network of counselors, located in the following regions:

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| Bridgeport | New London |
| Danbury | Norwalk |
| Hartford | Stamford |
| New Haven | Waterbury |

In addition, satellite offices serve many other towns and cities.

Educational Groups:

OVS may refer families and friends of homicide victims to a topic-specific educational support program which supplements counseling. A statewide network of agencies conducts the groups.

Homicide Survivor Self -Help Groups:

These groups are organized and conducted by group members themselves. They offer support and understanding to friends and families coping with the loss of a loved one. With Victims of Crime Act monies, OVS funds through Survivors of Homicide, Inc. a full-time, trained Support Counselor for statewide assistance to families.

The telephone number for Survivors of Homicide, Inc. is: (860)257-7388 or (888)833-4764.

Other OVS Assistance

The Office of Victim Services offers other services to families of homicide victims. These include:

- assessment and referral
- financial compensation
- information on many victim concerns

Compensation can cover loss of financial support, funeral costs and medical expenses for injuries resulting from the crime.

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